

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached Replacement Drawings include changes to Figures 1-3. In the Replacement Drawings, Figures 1-3 have been amended to include a legend indicating these figures are “PRIOR ART.” The Replacement Sheet including Figures 1 and 2 replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 2. The Replacement Sheet including Figures 3 and 4 replaces the original sheet including Figures 3 and 4. The Replacement Sheet including Figures 5 and 6 are unchanged. No new matter has been added.

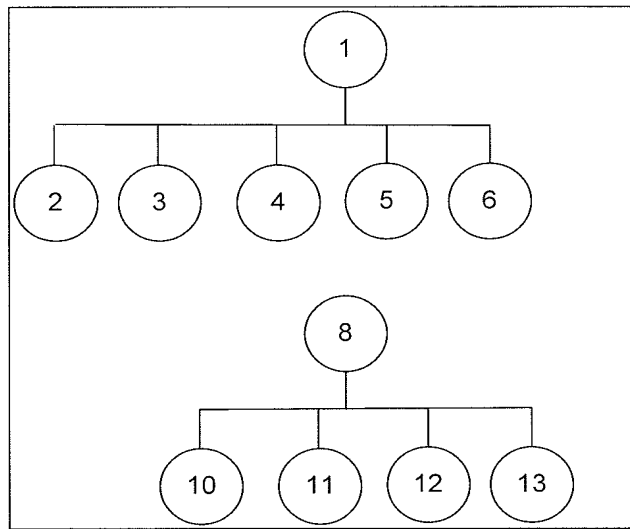
Attachment: Replacement Drawings

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action mailed August 6, 2009, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0099239). Dependent claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and further in view of Ramaswamy (International Patent Publication WO 01/95569). Dependent Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and further in view of Applicant's own admitted prior art. Independent claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim. The Office action further indicates that dependent claims 4, 7, and 9-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowable subject matter. In responding to the Office action, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable dependent claims 7 and 9, respectively. Claims 7 and 9 are canceled and dependent claims 3 and 4 are also amended to change the dependency. Favorable reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

The following diagram illustrates the relationship among the pending claims, including independent claims 1 and 8 and their dependent claims 2-6 and 10-13.

*Response to Objections to Drawings*

The Office action objects to Figures 1-3 and requires a legend be added to these figures, indicating that they are “Prior Art.” In response, the applicant has complied with the requirement and amended Figures 1-3 to include the “Prior Art” legend. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections in view of the amendments.

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a)

The applicant amended independent claim 1 by incorporating all of the limitations of dependent claim 7, which is indicated as allowable in the Office action. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is now patentable over the prior art of record.

Dependent claims 2-6, directly or indirectly, depend from claim 1 and are, therefore, also patentable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-6.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

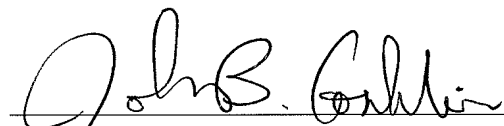
With respect to independent claim 8, the applicant has amended claim 8 by incorporating all of the limitations of dependent claim 9, which is indicated as allowable in the Office action. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 8 is now patentable over the prior art of record.

Dependent claims 10-13, directly or indirectly, depend from claim 8 and are, therefore, also patentable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 8 and 10-13.

Conclusion

A prompt indication of allowability of all pending claims 1-6, 8 and 10-13 is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John B. Conklin", is written over a horizontal line.

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